

Edward Knowles – Eastham Land Records 1650 - 1745

Edward Knowles was born in Eastham in 1671. He was the son of John Knowles and Apphia Bangs. His father, John, was slain by the Indians near Taunton in 1675 in the King Philip War. His grandfather was Richard Knowles who was an early settler in Eastham. Edward married Ann Ridley in 1700 and Widow Sarah Mayo in 1712. Deacon Edward Knowles died in Eastham in 1740 in his 70th year and he has a gravestone in Eastham Cove Burying Ground. His wives Ann and Sarah probably are buried in unmarked graves in Cove Burying Ground. Edward Knowles was a third generation Eastham resident who received significant land grants.

1699

Granted to Edward Knowles land on the westerly side of Sheep Pond and on the northerly side of a swamp. The dimensions indicate the lot was about one acre. Bounds were indicated by stones marked EK. PDF M134.

1711

Granted to Edward Knowles, George Brown Jr., Joseph Collins Sr., Joseph Collins Jr., Isaac Higgins, Edward Knowles and Jabez Snow a lot on the southwesterly side of Great Island at Billingsgate. Bounds were indicated by stakes. Dimensions or acreage were not given but probably the lot was about six or seven acres like the other twenty-four lots granted on Great Island. PDF T86.

Granted to Edward Knowles and his heirs six acres for his wood lot. His wood lot was next to the wood lots of George Brown Jr. and Isaac Higgins. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T100.

Granted to Edward Knowles and his heirs about four acres next to his other land and on the western side of Samuel Higgins' land. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T100.

Granted to Edward Knowles and his heirs about four acres in three parcels. About two and three-quarters were next to his other land near his dwelling house. About one-quarter acre was on the eastern side of his other land. About one acre was next to his other land. Bounds were indicated by stones and marked trees. PDF T172.

Granted to Edward Knowles and his heirs a wood lot on the easterly side of the cartway from Stephen Atwood's to Billingsgate. The lot ran north by the cartway sixteen pole and ran due east to the Backside Sea. Most of these lots ran east about one mile which would make his wood lot about thirty-two acres. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T240.

Granted to Edward Knowles and his heirs several parcels of land. One parcel was next to his meadow at Blackfish Creek Neck and next to the meadow of Abiah Harding. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about one and one-half acres. Another parcel was on the northern side of the head of Blackfish Creek and next to land of Samuel Brown. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about two acres. Another parcel was on the southwesterly side of the way that went from William Brown's towards Billingsgate. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about six acres. Another parcel was near his dwelling house. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about two acres. The bounds of these parcels were indicate by stones, stakes and marked trees. PDF T276.

The land owned by Edward Knowles and his heirs described in these records amounts to about sixty acres. Up to 1745 thirty-three more Knowles received Eastham land grants.